

THE T R Y A L

And Examination of *Luke Wade*, who was Try'd and found Guilty at the *Tbolfel* of the City of *Dublin*, the 22d day of *October* 1719 for Poysoning one *Catherin Sweeny*.

THE first Evidence for the King, was the said *Sweeny*, who being Sworn said that in the month of *May* last, she was a Servant to one *Mr. Robert Nevile* of *St. Michael's Lane*, whose Son one *John Nevile* often attempted to Debauch her in his Fathers House, that at length she complain'd to his Father against him, who very severely struck and chastis'd him, for which the said *Nevil* Swore to be Reveng'd of her, that accordingly on the 26th of *May* last being lead by the Instigation of the Devil, he by the assistance of the said *Wade* did Trayterously conspire to Poyson the said *Catherin*, by preparing a Cake mixed with *Cantharides*, commonly called *Spanish flies* being rank Poyson, and having got the same ready Bak'd they both under a colour of love and frindship invited the said *Catherin* into a Room treating her with Liquor and the said Cake, that she observing the Cake to be somewhat blackish, she refus'd to Eat of it, not suspecting the the Poyson, but both the Parties did so Importune her, pretending that they themselves were Eating of the same, that she did Eat about half the Cake and in some time after gave the remainder to her Mistresses Child that in an hour after, she found her self very ill and thirsty, insomuch that she thought the Ocean could not quench the same, that she grew so ill and immediatly suspecting the Treason and Malice, she sent for Alderman *Quin*, Doctor *Wade* and others, who order'd her several Remedies to expel the Poyson and that she was down lying for a Month after, and that she never since was well nor never expects to be well, and said that the said *Wade* was the Chief Person who oblig'd her to Eat the Cake.

The second Evidence for the the King was one *Mr. Mac-Can* of Highstreet, Apothecary: who being sworn said, that in *May* last: the Mother of the said *John Nevil*, came to his shop, and shewed him a piece of a Cake; which she said was given to her Maid, to Eat by her Son, and told him that the Maid was very bad and prayed him to send her a Remedy: which he accordingly did at several times after. The Court asked him what he thought the said piece of Cake was compounded of. Who said, that he was possitive, that it was mix'd

with *Cantharides*, which he said was rank Poyson, and that he was possitive that that piece of Cake was enough to Poyson the said *Catherine*. or any other.

Doctor *Wade* being call'd he did not appear, then the said *Wade* was ordered by the Court to make his defence, who called several Persons among whom was one *Mr Beath Mrs Beath*, the said *Nevils Mother* and one *Mrs Acton*, all which being Examined in his behalf

The said several Persons being fully Examined in the behalf of the Traverser, the said *Mr. Beats* Swore that the next Day after the said *Catherin* pretended she was Poysoned, he spoake to her and she seemed to him to be very well, and did not complaine of any illness nor disorder: As for what any of the rest Swore 'twas no way Material for the Traverser, but rather to his disadvantage, insomuch that after a long Tryal, one Councillor *Blake* being concern'd for the said *Sweeny*, the Traverser *Wade* was found Guilty, for which he is to be Fin'd and Imprisoned: There was a Poor Fellow found Guilty of Death for Robbing a Country Man beyond the Barracks of a Box full of Books for which he is Sentenced to Suffer next Saturdy com Sevenight

N. B. The above mention'd *John Nevile* is not yet brought to Justice.

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